



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL KENNETH C. FOLGER



Colonel Kenneth C. Folger is the Director of Operations, Joint Forces Headquarters-Air Component, Kansas National Guard. In this role he develops and coordinates Strategic Plans and Operations for the 184th Intelligence Wing, the 190th Air Refueling Wing and the directorate at JFHQ. Additionally, he monitors combat readiness and creates and reviews plans for the employment of the Kansas Air Guard in both federal and state tasking. He is a rated officer, maintaining currency in the state's flying mission.

Raised in Kansas and a Topeka resident for over 20 years, Col Folger was selected for pilot training by the 190th ARW in November of 1987 and subsequently commissioned in March of 1988. He attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese AFB in May of 1988, where he was a distinguished graduate, receiving the Flying Training "Top stick" award and the Air Training Command Commander's Trophy. He completed KC-135 Combat Crew Training at Castle AFB, California in 1989. Col Folger graduated USAF Maintenance Officer School at Chanute AFB, Illinois in 1993.

While assigned to the 190th ARW, Col Folger commanded the 117th Air Refueling Squadron. He also served as the 117th Air Operations Officer, Logistics Group- Chief of Quality Assurance, and the Operations Group- Chief of Current Operations. He is a Command Pilot with over 4000 hours in the KC-135 E/D/R and over 13000 total hours of flight time. He has served his country by direct participation in operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Deny Flight, Restore Hope, Deliberate Guard, Allied Force, Northern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Col Folger resides in Topeka, Kansas with his wife Barbara, and two daughters, Jordan and Natalie. He is commercial pilot for United Airlines based in Chicago, Illinois.

EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science-General Studies, Wichita State University
- 1993 USAF Maintenance Officer School, Chanute AFB, IL
- 1994 Master of Science- Aviation Safety, Central Missouri State University
- 1995 Squadron Officer School
- 1996 USAF Central Flight Instructor Course
- 2008 Air War College
- 2008 Reserve Component National Security Course

ASSIGNMENTS

- May 1988 - May 1989: USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB
- Apr 1992 - May 1995: Logistics Group- Chief of Quality Assurance, 190th ARW
- Aug 1995 - Jul 1997: Operations Group- Chief of Current Operations, 190th ARW

Jun 2002 - Jan 2004: Flight Commander, 117th ARS
Jan 2004 - Aug 2007: Operations Officer, 117th ARS
May 2008 - Jul 2008: Detachment Commander, 506th EARS, Anderson AFB, Guam
Aug 2009 - Nov 2009: Director of Operations 340th EARS, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
Aug 2007 - Sep 2010: 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Commander
Oct 2010 - Present: Director of Operations (A3), Joint Force Headquarters, Kansas ANG
Sep 2013 - Mar 2014: Chief of Operations (J3), US Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

Sep 2013 - Mar 2014: Chief of Operations (J3), US Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 4000+ Military; 13,000+ Total

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, KC-135D/E/R, B727, B737, B757, B767, A319, A320

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

AF Commendation Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

AF Achievement Medal, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters

Joint Meritorious Unit Award, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters

Combat Readiness Medal, 7 Oak Leaf Clusters

National Defense Service Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Southwest Asia Service Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 7 'M' Devices

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

Kansas National Guard Meritorious Service Ribbon

Kansas National Guard Service Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Life member -National Guard Association of the United States

Life member -National Guard Association of Kansas

DATE OF RANK

Second Lieutenant: 31 March 1988

First Lieutenant: 5 May 1990

Captain: 18 May 1992

Major: 13 June 1996

Lieutenant Colonel: 13 June 2003

Colonel: 10 June 2011

Current as of: 1 APR 2014